

St Peder's Evangelical Lutheran Church  
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# The Messenger

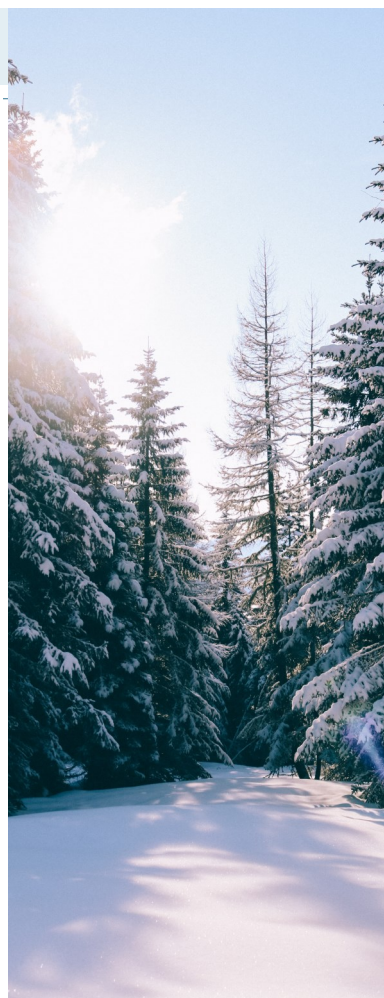


*Mark your calendars!*

**Annual Meeting of the Congregation is:  
Sunday, January 23, 2022 at 10:30**

All voting members (confirmed members) are invited to attend this meeting to elect new or re-elect current Council members and a Council President, and receive reports from the Council and various committees.

The Ottar Jorgensen Service Award recipient will also be announced. Annual Reports will be prepared and available on January 23.



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## In the Interim: The Importance of “-ING”

Pastor Eric Luedtke, Interim Pastor



Throughout the transition process I've heard about St. Peder's as a *Danish Lutheran church*, when I've asked about what that means, I have been told about NFS Grundtvig, Folk School, and even the idea of being a church that values “traditional worship with progressive values.”

I've thought a lot about this idea of *progressive values* in my time at St. Peder's. There are a number of ways this can be described. Through the history of St. Peder's these progressive values are evident as St. Peder's was an early-adopter of the “All God's Children” Communion practice that opened the Communion table to children of all ages and people of all denominations (not just confirmed Lutherans), calling female pastors to serve the congregation beginning in 1988 was a bold step in a time when clergy roles were filled predominantly by men, In 1999 St. Peder's voted to become a Reconciling in Christ (RIC) congregation, affirming the full inclusion of LGBTQIA+ persons in the life and leadership of the church.

On the last Sunday in January, RIC congregations are invited to celebrate **Reconciling In Christ Sunday** as a time to recognize and recommit to the work of being a Reconciling In Christ congregation.

Beyond the important work of recognizing and welcoming those who identify as LGBTQIA+ in our communities, I have grown to appreciate the intentionality of the “-ing” suffix that is used in *Reconciling*. This may seem like a subtle point to many, but the suffix “-ing” indicates ongoing action. It is work that continues. Even though we have said we welcome LGBTQIA+ persons as part of our community, the advocacy and welcome is work that we continue to strive toward each day.

This is also true of the idea of *progressive values*. Inherent in the word *progressive* is progress, to move forward. If we hold to the idea of *progressive values* as a congregation we recognize that we don't dwell in what was or what might have been, but that we are called forward as God leads us forward into the future. There may be days when the progress is slow or the workers are few but we continue moving forward in God's grace.

*I'm not saying that I have this all together, that I have it made. But I am well on my way, reaching out for Christ, who has so wondrously reached out for me. Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus.  
I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back.*

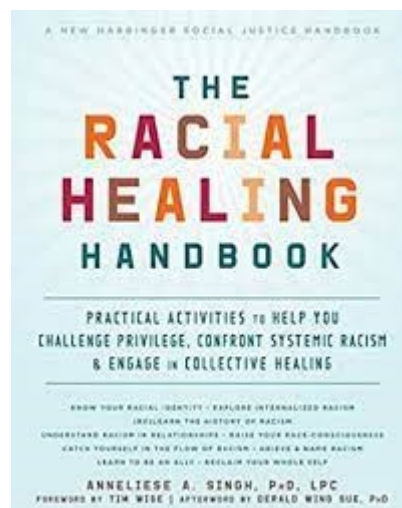
*Philippians 3:12-14 (The Message)*



## Faith Formation: Continuing Book Study.

Explore your Internalized racism: how you learn what you know about race. We will chat about how we began and continue to learn about values, habits, and attitudes of society- how we socialize.

Excerpt taken from Chapter 2 of the book -The Racial Healing Handbook - by Anneliese A. Singh, PhD, LPC: "The internalization of racism is a key mechanism of how this system of oppression works. For white people, the phrase "internalized dominance" may be more accurate; racism, with its assumption of white supremacy, can lead to ignorance and disregard of other cultures and blindness to their own privilege. There is a widespread inability and failure among white people to acknowledge that racism is real, exists, and is a system operating with folks tagged with advantages and disadvantages."



**Curious?? Come join us January 30th at 10:15 am in the church lounge.**



## Pub Theology

Come and join in a lively discussion, good food, and your favorite beverage at Pub Theology!

We will meet at Parkway Pizza, 4359 Minnehaha Avenue, on **Tuesday, January 4 at 7:00**

**January's topic for discussion is:** Do we hold our leaders to a higher ethical, moral, and faith standard? Why? How does our view of our leaders change when they don't live up to our own or society's standards?

## Paint the Parsonage!

Are you still interested in seeing the inside of the parsonage? Couldn't make the last volunteer dates? Join a group of us to refresh the interior walls & ceilings of the parsonage. Activities include prepping and painting the room. Supplies and paint will be provided. Interested in helping please contact Dan or Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385 boodjv@yahoo.com

**January 6th Thursday 5 - 7:30 pm**  
**January 22nd Saturday 10 am - 2 pm**  
(If needed, future dates will be scheduled)



## Shepherding Group Sunday is February 6

After worship and some social time together in the Fellowship Hall, we will gather in our Shepherding Groups to make plans for Lenten Soup Suppers (that begin with Ash Wednesday on March 2) and other service commitments and opportunities. The current Shepherding Groups will remain intact for this next year. If you're not currently assigned to a Shepherding Group, let Pastor Eric know and we'll get you signed up! The Shepherding Group lists will be posted on the bulletin board outside the church office – and space assignments for the meetings that day will be posted as well. Thanks for all you do in your Shepherding Groups throughout the year to support St. Peder's mission and ministry! Please let Jeannie know if there have been any changes to your Shepherding Groups (new leader, members no longer active, etc.).



## Thank You for Your Generosity, by Sue Nielsen

Our Tabitta Kassen funds have been sent to families in need close by and far away in December. There are new families coming to South High School from all parts of the world. The social workers have requested help with purchasing 70 coats. St. Peder's is donating \$500 to help with the purchase of coats for our neighbors. We are also giving \$2000 to Lutheran Disaster Response to help those impacted by the tornados in Kentucky, Arkansas, Illinois, Missouri, Mississippi, and Tennessee. Our Gift Sunday collected \$2000 in gift cards and additional gifts that were divided between The Division of Indian Works and The Center for Victims of Torture.

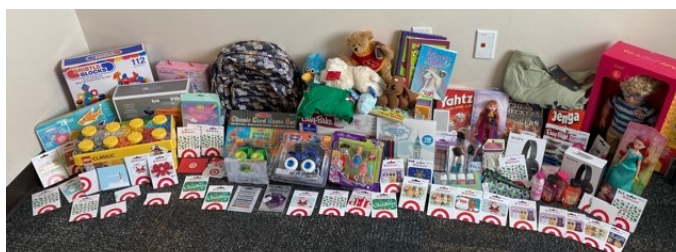


Photo from the Division of Indian Works

## Together in Mission 2021

The offerings of your financial resources allow us not only to support the mission of our congregation, but to share our resources with others in ministry so that all may know of Christ's love. TOGETHER we work on Christ's behalf in the world - none of us can do it alone! Thank you for your offerings through the 11th month of 2021. A detailed financial summary report is available at the church office for anyone who'd like to see it.

### Income

Month of November	\$ 21, 979.79	Budget for the month	\$ 20,833.33
Year to Date	\$ 194, 565.07	Budget Year to Date	\$ 229,166.67

### Expenses

Month of November	\$ 19,775.42	Budget for the month	\$ 20,720.94
Year to Date	\$ 222,524.90	Budget Year to Date	\$ 244,030.06

**Mission Support to...**Minneapolis Area Synod

YTD \$ 12,833.37



## Connecting with Members & Volunteers via Instant Church Directory



As many of you know, we have an online and print directory for members. Volunteers positions and contacts are also included. For those who would like a paper copy of the directory, please contact Jeannie in the office. She can leave you a copy to pick up in the office or drop one in the mail. For those of you who would like to use the online directory via computer, simply go to [www.instantchurchdirectory.com](http://www.instantchurchdirectory.com) and create a login and password and follow the directions from there (you will need to use the email in the current directory to create a login). To use on your iphone, ipad or kindle, download the app from the App Store (Apple) , Google Play (Android) or Amazon's Appstore (Kindle). Next time you need to find a sub for ushering or to track someone down within your shepherding group, everyone's contact info will be easy to find!

Members, if you have not submitted a picture for our directory or would like to replace your picture with one that is more updated, you can do that online or email Jeannie a picture and she can plug it in for you.

Feel free to contact Jeannie in the office with any questions!

## Support Businesses Owned by Black, Indigenous, and People of Color

**Panaderia San Miguel** Owner: Diego San Miguel  
1623 E Lake St, Minneapolis  
612-721-8682 [panaderia-san-miguel](http://panaderia-san-miguel)



This Mexican family bakery, near Ingebretsen's Scandanavian shop, was founded in 2001 and is now managed by second generation daughter, Stacie Genic. It offers small pastries, fresh sweet breads (chonchas) and coffee to go. They also offer cheese Danish, cookies, cupcakes, and cakes, including tres leches cakes in a variety of flavors such as stuffed rum with strawberry, pineapple colada, peach, mocha with nut and more, all with whipped cream topping. Check out [product photos](#) and stop in or call to order.

**Pow Wow Grounds** Owner: Bob Rice  
1414 E Franklin Ave, Minneapolis  
612-545-5598 [powwowgrounds.com/](http://powwowgrounds.com/)



This Ojibwe owner harvests wild rice and uses it in his shop to make and serve wild rice soup daily and wild rice quiche many days. He serves breakfast, lunch/dinner, and dessert including blueberry wild rice muffin, sausage egg and cheese croissant, Indian tacos, pizza, fry bread, and more. In addition he offers specialty coffee drinks, baked goods, smoothies, and sandwiches. Check out the [menu](#) and [order](#) online for pick up or eat in.



## January Updates for Riverside Innovation Hub

By Lisa Rovick

The RIH team (Pastor Eric, Karen Vetsch, Allison O'Day, Judy Anderson, and Lisa Rovick) has been slowly ramping up our efforts to learn more about and strengthen our connections with the neighborhood around St. Peder's. I must admit it is REALLY intimidating to reach out to someone I don't know and initiate a conversation! I have been curious about Twin Cities Midwifery, located across the street from Hiawatha School, so I called and made an appointment with one of the midwives for a chat.

I met with Kate Saumweber Hogan, one of the two midwives in this practice. She has her office in the front and lives with her family in the back portion of the house. What a brilliant way to create a welcoming environment for new families! This practice has been in their current location for ten years! (They remove the sign in front of their house in the evenings and on the weekends, so you may not have noticed it!) They offer free consultations to any interested parents and are very intent on providing deep connections and support for the families they serve. The practice supports prenatal care and attends home births.

Kate knew about St. Peder's and identified it right away as her polling place. We discussed ways in which our two groups might work together and how St. Peder's might be of service to Twin Cities Midwifery and their patients. One opportunity, when the time is right (after COVID has calmed down), would be for us to share our space for yoga and wellness classes they are hoping to begin again. Kate had some wonderful suggestions for us, as well! She suggested we might have a page on our website that highlights businesses and community events. She also suggested we could host an outreach night, inviting neighbors to gather and discover ways to connect. What a great idea for the spring or summer, when we could take advantage of our lovely courtyard!



I collected some information about Twin Cities Midwifery:  
<https://twincitiesmidwifery.com> and will post it on the bulletin board.

### Gently Used Clothing Drive & New Toiletries

Support local Veterans, sponsored by Social Ministries

Every Third Saturday-ETS Supply Store 4303 East 54th St. Minneapolis, MN 55417

Since 2008, ETS has distributed over 500,000 items to veterans. Everything from hotel size shampoo, clothing, winter coats, new snow boots. *They accept gently used clothing and shoes. Please no household items. Drop items off at church in the designated tubs.* Any questions please contact Karen Vetsch 612-721-7385.

**Supplies in Need:** 2x, 3x, 4x and 5x T Shirts and Underwear, Diabetic Socks, Peroxide, Soft Soap Hand Soap, Mouthwash, Sewing Kits, Muscle Rub/Icy Hot, Hand Lotion, Foot Powder, Baby Powder, Baby Wipes, Q-Tips, Chapstick.

## Transition Update

Dear Friends of St. Peder's,

Thanks to those who were able to join us for the Ministry Site Profile conversation with Bishop Ann Svenningsen on Sunday, December 5. Despite the ice and cold, we had a solid representation that included Council Members, Transition Team Members, Call Committee Members, and other St. Peder's Members.

Bishop Ann expressed her delight in the Ministry Site Profile and the ways it reflects what makes St. Peder's a unique congregation in the Minneapolis Area Synod. She asked some questions to further understand more about St. Peder's and what excites us as we look forward to calling a new pastor. She recommended one or two minor adjustments to the Ministry Site Profile to better and more accurately phrase some of what we shared. Council voted to approve the Ministry Site Profile at their December 15 meeting and it is now "activated" for the Synod to begin working with the St. Peder's Call Committee which includes:

**Andrea Wollak\*, Amanda Vetsch, Carol Lindstrom, Christine Soma\*, Craig Rocheleau, Tim Anderson, Michael O'Day, Sue Nielsen and Shawna Nelsen-Wills**  
**\*co-chairs**

The Call Committee will meet soon with Craig Pederson, Assistant to the Bishop, for an orientation to their role and the partnership the Synod plays in this part of the process and a potential timeline for next steps.

If you have names of Pastors who you think would be a good fit for St. Peder's, please complete this [Google Form](#) with their name, current location, and a brief description of why they would be a good fit for St. Peder's. Paper forms can also be found on the counter in the office. Leave on Jeannie's desk or in her mailbox. These names will be held in confidence and forwarded to the Synod as candidates the congregation would like to consider.

Finally, a word of THANKS to the Transition Team members. For the past 7 months this team has worked diligently to gather information and capture the story of St. Peder's in the Ministry Site Profile. Their work is instrumental to the process of calling the next pastor for St. Peder's, so we take this opportunity to thank them:

**Curt Petersen, Judy Hogan, Peter Juhl, Jeanne Schleh, Lisa Rovick,  
Sue Nielsen, Casey Clementson and Gordon Legge**

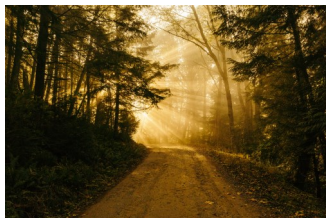
As we continue in this time of transition as a congregation, we give thanks for your continued prayers for all those involved in the process.

With Gratitude,



Shawna Nelsen-Wills  
St. Peder's Council Presi-

Rev. Eric J Luedtke  
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# January 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Happy New Year! 2 pm Fiber Arts
2 9 am Worship w/Holy Communion 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	3	4 7 pm Pub Theology	5 9 am Quilters	6 5-7:30 Paint the Parsonage	7	8
9 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	10	11	12	13	14	15 2 pm Fiber Arts
16 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship	17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	18 Newsletter Articles Due	19 9 am Quilters 7 pm Council Mtg	20 7 pm Music & Worship Com- mittee Mtg.	21	22 10 am—2 pm Paint the Parsonage
23 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship <b>10:30 Annual Meeting</b>	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 9 am Worship 10 am Coffee & Fellowship 10:15 Book Study	31					



## January Volunteer Schedule

### January 2, 2022 Holy Communion by Full Table

**Greeters:** Mark and Jodi Jensen

**Ushers:** Lisa Jensen and Andrea Wollak

**Acolyte:** Alice Petersen

**Reader:** Max Vossen

**Communion Set Up & Clean Up:** Eva Tangen and Phoebe Anderson

**Communion Assistants:**

Kristi Erickson, Leslee Nestingen, Dan and Karen Vetsch

**Bread and Wine:** Alice Bekke

**Counters:** Marcia Rocheleau and John Skraba

**LSS Safe House Dinner for January 3:**

Terri Vetsch and Dan and Karen Vetsch

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 5**

### January 9, 2022

**Greeters:** Chuck Johnson and Kristi Lahti-Johnson

**Ushers:** Peter Paulson and Shawna Nelsen-Wills

**Acolyte:** Isaiah Wills

**Reader:** Martha Olsen

**Counters:** Jackie West and Doreen Skraba

**LSS Safe House Dinner for January 10:** Sue and Al Nielsen

**Sheridan Story for January 14:** Sue and John Schnickel

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 6**

### January 16, 2022

**Greeters:** Darrick Jensen and JeriLynn Young

**Ushers:** Al and Sue Nielsen

**Acolyte:** Siri Vossen

**Reader:** Bruce Simpson

**Counters:** Steve Austin and Paul Odegaard

**LSS Safe House Dinner for January 17:** Liz and Forrest Bentley

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 7**

### January 23, 2022, Annual Meeting

**Greeters:** Eric and Bethene Hunsberger

**Ushers:** Paul Aitchison and Mark Jensen

**Acolyte:** Isla Wills

**Reader:** Dan Vetsch

**Counters:** Terri Vetsch and Curt Petersen

**LSS Safe House Dinner for January 24:**

Hung and Shelly Brown, Sue Schnickel

**Sheridan Story for Thursday, January 27:**

Karen Vetsch and Dwight Lundebj

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 8**

### January 30, 2022

**Greeters:** Lee Hawks and Ann Bexell

**Ushers:** Jim Nelsen and Wendy Legge

**Acolyte:** Eleanor Munnich

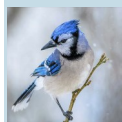
**Reader:** Lisa Rovick

**Counters:** Annalise Munnich and Bruce Simpson

**LSS Safe House Dinner for January 31:** Dale and Jackie West

**Sheridan Story for February 4:** Sue and Al Nielsen

**Social Hour hosted by Shepherding Group 1**



Thank you for  
volunteering  
your time and  
talent at St. Peder's.

Please try to  
arrange your own  
trades - reminder  
emails are sent weekly  
along with contacts for  
substitutes.

If you are pressed for  
time or have questions  
or concerns, contact  
the church office or  
email Jeannie:  
office@stpeders.org  
612-722-800

**St. Peder's Evangelical  
Lutheran Church**

St. Peder's affirms the  
welcome of God to all persons.

St Peder's welcomes you to a community of faith nurtured by God's abundant grace, Christ's peace and the Spirit's lively presence! In response to such love, we open our hearts and hands and doors to joyfully serve our neighbor – whether it's you or someone across the world. We invite you to join us for worship or any activity at the little church on the corner of 46<sup>th</sup> Avenue and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street in south Minneapolis.



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